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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John McKenna on December 12, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows: cancel the following paragraph on page 5.

“Accordingly, the invention provides a method of issuing an END, as defined in Claim 1 below, and a document carrier suitable for use with such a method. The invention also provides methods, as defined in Claims 12 and 13, of negotiating an END between a seller and a buyer; and a method as defined in Claim 23 of splitting an END e.g. an electronic cheque or cash.”

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